



Growing Greener

Fall 2015



Upcoming Events

September

9/19 **Coastal Cleanup Day:** A cleanup of bays, creeks, rivers, highways, and the coast at more than 800 locations throughout California. Visit www.CleanACreek.org and check the "Site Listing" or "Site Map" for locations in Los Gatos. Make sure to visit the "Volunteer Information" page for important details.

9/25 **Screen on the Green:** Please join us at Oak Meadow Park for an evening of family fun. Our featured film, Frozen, will be shown on an inflatable movie screen. Children's activities will begin at 6:30 p.m., and showtime is 7:30 p.m. For your enjoyment during the film, bring flashlights, blankets and low back chairs. For more information visit: www.losgatosca.gov/SOG

9/26 **Drug Take Back Program:** This program, hosted by the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department, is designed to make it easier for people to dispose of their unwanted medications and keep them out of landfills and waterways. The West Valley Clean Water Program will also be on site, offering a thermometer exchange where people can bring in their old glass thermometers and receive a solar digital (mercury-free) thermometer. They will also be accepting household batteries and cell phones for recycling. Drop-offs will take place from 10:00am-2:00pm at:

Parks & Public Works Service Yard
41 Miles Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

October

10/3 **Community Garage Sale:** The Los Gatos and Monte Sereno Community Garage Sale gives participants a chance to clean out their garages, attics, storage sheds and closets without sending those valuable items to the landfill. For more information or to sign up visit: www.losgatosca.gov/GarageSale

Drought Watch 2015

The Town of Los Gatos has teamed up with the Santa Clara Valley Water district to offer a **Water Savings Distribution Center** at our Parks & Public Works Department! Residents can now get their FREE drought gear between the hours of 8:00am to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday, at:

Town of Los Gatos
Parks & Public Works Department
41 Miles Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Please visit www.losgatosca.gov/WaterSavingsDistributionCenter for more information



Green Gardener Training

Cost: \$120 (scholarships available for landscape professionals)
Wednesdays: September 9th– November 18th, 4:00PM-6:00PM (English)
Thursdays: September 10th–November 19th, 4:00PM-6:00PM (Spanish)
Location: Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult Community Education (ACE),
591 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA

Learn ways to conserve water, protect the soil, and reduce the use of pesticides through the *Green Gardener Training Sessions*. Residents may take the classes themselves, or encourage their yard maintenance contractor to become Green Gardener Certified. Upon completion they will receive a certificate, a Green Gardener Card, and a listing as a Green Gardener on websites such as: Our Water, Our World; Watershed Watch Campaign; and Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County.

For more information visit:

www.mywatershedwatch.org/greengardener.html

Resources

Drought water savings tips: www.valleywater.org
Water savings tips and rebates: <http://save20gallons.org/>
Drought news, monitoring, and tips: www.cadrought.com
Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention: www.mywatershedwatch.org
West Valley Clean Water Program: www.wvcwp.org
Los Gatos Growing Greener Program: www.losgatosca.gov/GrowingGreener